

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001.

The House passed H.R. 4205, Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4121–S4217

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows; S. 2586–2599, and S. Res. 308. **Pages S4190–91**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 2593, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–298)

H.R. 371, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos, with an amendment.

H.R. 1953, to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on land held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria.

H.R. 2484, to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States.

S. Res. 296, designating the first Sunday in June of each calendar year as “National Child’s Day”, with an amendment.

S. 484, to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive.

S. 1902, to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, with an amendment. **Page S4190**

Measures Passed:

Military Construction Appropriations: By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate passed H.R. 4425, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2521, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4122–70**

Adopted:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 105), Levin Amendment No. 3154, to strike certain provisions which requires ground troops be withdrawn from Kosovo by a fixed date. **Pages S4122–64**

Murray (for Robb) Amendment No. 3146, to make available \$220,000,000 for the Navy for fiscal year 2000 for ship depot maintenance. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3156, to provide emergency resources to address needs resulting from the catastrophic wildfire at Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3157, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act may be used to allow for the entry into, or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption in the United States of diamonds if the country of origin in which such diamonds were mined (as evidenced by a legible certificate of origin) is the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Republic of Liberia, the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or the Republic of Angola. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3158, to provide for the acquisition of six C–130J long-range maritime patrol aircraft, and for other purposes. **Pages S4164–68**

Burns (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3159, to provide \$5,700,000 for testing under the Tactical High Energy Laser (THEL) program of the Army.

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Burns (for McConnell) Amendment No. 3160, to allow the designation and use of Department of Defense facilities as polling places for local, State, and Federal elections.

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Burns (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 3161, to postpone the effective date of certain enforcement provisions until 6 months after the publication of final electronic and information technology standards.

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Murray (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3162, to provide for flood mitigation near Pierre, South Dakota.

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Burns (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 3163, to provide for SOFA claims.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Burns, Hutchison, Craig, Kyl, Stevens, Murray, Reid, Inouye, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, by prior unanimous consent, S. 2521 was indefinitely postponed.

Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act: Senate passed H.R. 371, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Indian Education Improvement: Senate passed H.R. 3629, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III, clearing the measure for the President.

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Day of Honor 2000: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 44, supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2522, making appropriations for foreign

operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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Freedom to E-File Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 777, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to enable farmers and other persons to file paperwork electronically with selected agencies of the Department of Agriculture and to access public information regarding the programs administered by these agencies, with the following amendment:

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Brownback (for Fitzgerald) Amendment No. 3165, in the nature of a substitute.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Extradition Treaty Between the United States and South Africa (Treaty Doc. No. 106–24).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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Appointment:

First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–389, announced the appointment of Sylvia Stewart of Mississippi to serve as a member of the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board, vice Wilkinson Wright of Ohio.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a notice continuing the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–106)

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Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–107)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Gregory Robert Dahlberg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

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Notice of Hearings:	Page S4210
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—106)	Pages S4163–64 S4170

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 22, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4216.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 2593), making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; and

An original bill, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, focusing on a cure-directed research initiative that will identify and support ALS research, after receiving testimony from Gerald D. Fischbach, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Tom Maniatis, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the ALS Association; Steve Beuerlein, Carolina Panthers, Charlotte, North Carolina; Steve Garvey, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Blair Underwood, both of Los Angeles, California; Dick Schaap, ESPN, Bristol, Connecticut; Shelbie Oppenheimer, New Hope, Pennsylvania; and Steve Rigazzio, Las Vegas, Nevada.

"I LOVE YOU" VIRUS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded hearings to examine the attack of the "I Love You"

virus and its impact on United States financial services industry, after receiving testimony from Jack Brock, Director of Government and Defense Information System, General Accounting Office; and John J. Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC.

SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA INTERTIE SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2439, to authorize the appropriation of funds for the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie system, after receiving testimony from Randy Simmons, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and Alaska Energy Authority, Bonnie Jo Savland, Alaska Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes Central Council, and Loren Gerhard, Southeast Conference, all of Juneau; Mayor Lonnie Anderson, Kake, Alaska; Mayor Albert Dick, Hoonah, Alaska, on behalf of the Huna Totem Corporation; Eric Hummel, Tongass Conservation Society, Ketchikan, Alaska, on behalf of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council; Vern Rauscher, Tlingit-Haida Regional Electric Authority, Auke Bay, Alaska; and Randy Cornelius, Sitka Electric Department, Sitka, Alaska, on behalf of the Southeast Alaska Intertie Committee for Southeast Conference.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water held hearings on S. 2417, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the status of Federal employee development and training, focusing on Federal programs to train and educate employees throughout their careers to maintain their skills and productivity, after receiving testimony from John U. Sepulveda, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Diane M. Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy; and Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management